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PATH ROW SETTLED AFTER 120 YEARS

A DISPUTE over a public right of way near Kidderminster has been settled – more than a hundred years after it began.

The countryside team at Worcestershire County Council has successfully opened two scenic paths to members of the public after proving that they were bridleways.

In a curious quirk the paths, which run through the Lea Castle Estate between Cookley village and Kidderminster, were at the heart of the same debate during Victorian times.

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The minute book for the former Kidderminster District Highway Board of 1889 and 1890 records the original clash over public access with the then owner of the land.

He accepted the paths could be used by the public on foot and horseback.

The documents were used as supporting evidence by the countryside team to prove that the paths should now be opened up to cyclists and horse riders.

Fantastic

Steve Waring, countryside definitive map officer, said: "It's absolutely fantastic to see increased access on these paths.

"Worcestershire County Council is committed to promoting sustainable lifestyles and we really hope people will take advantage of these newly improved routes to get on their bikes, saddle up or simply have a stroll."

The bridleways now provide a safer and quieter route for cyclists and riders linking Cookley village with north Kidderminster, away from the busy Wolverhampton and Wolverley Roads.

Andy Grey, a member of Cookley and Wolverley Footpaths and Countryside Conservation Society, said: "The paths have been used by walkers and ramblers for a long time and it is a very useful route as it connects the two Castle Gate entrances.

Clogged

"Sometimes with other users such as horse riders and cyclists, footpaths can get clogged up," he added.

"But these particular paths are in effect farm tracks which make them far more resilient to this type of tread.

"There is certainly no conflict from the walkers and I am pleased to see that this dispute has been resolved after so many years.

"The paths can now be used just as they were all those years ago."

For more information visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside

Let it snow for winner Michelle

CREATIVE youngster Michelle Koisser has been named the winner of a competition to design a winning Chronicle Christmas card.

Sutton Park Primary School pupils were challenged to come up with the best festive drawing they could – and 10-year-old Michelle came out on top.

Her snowy scene, featuring reindeer, a Christmas tree and snowman in front of a starry background, impressed Chronicle readers.

Assembly

They voted for the design ahead of 47 others.

Michelle was told the good news at the school's Christmas assembly last Friday (December 10), where she was presented with a professionally-produced copy of her card.

Marie Buckland, headteacher at Sutton Park, said: "We are absolutely delighted that Michelle won the Christmas card competition.

"She deserves to feel very proud of her great design. Well done Michelle!"

Former

Each of the 48 entries to the competition was sponsored.

Michelle's design was backed by The Best Copy Shop, based at 35 Worcester Street, Kidderminster.

Shop owner Derek Bonnett is himself a former pupil at Sutton Park.

He said: "It's a wonderful child's view of Christmas."



Kidderminster Chronicle advertising supervisor Ruth Lister presents Michelle Koisser with her winning Christmas card in a frame

Gate bid to tackle speeding at village

PLANS to tackle speeding on a Hartlebury road have taken a step forward with the Biffa landfill site considering financial backing for a gate.

The Old Worcester Road, which sees motorists regularly exceed the 30mph limit, has been a concern among villagers for several months.

The idea of a gateway to the road was raised in November. But it would cost £3,000.

Parish council clerk Jo Hyrons said: "We are all concerned about the speed at which cars enter the village off the Old Worcester Road.

"We see it as an accident waiting to happen.

"Although we feel the gateway would be the most effective speed calming measure, financially we realise that this would be very costly.

Lobby

"We really want to lobby the Safer Roads Partnership and actually get police out on the road in a mobile speed van until further developments can be made."

More than 40 Biffa wagon journeys take place daily to the nearby landfill site. The firm is keen to help with funding for improvements.

A spokeswoman for the company said: "All drivers of LGVs visiting the site are taken through the traffic management plan.

"This sets out the approach routes which truck drivers must use and highlights that the Old Worcester Road has a 30mph speed limit.

"We are awaiting details of the proposed plan for improving compliance with the speed limits."

Pageant on the green

THE community around St Cecilia's church in Hoo Brook, Kidderminster is preparing for its third annual Christmas pageant.

It takes place on the green on Ludlow Road on Monday, December 20 from 6.15pm.

Led by the band of The Salvation Army, local people will take the roles of all the characters in the traditional Christmas Story.

Mary and Joseph will arrive by donkey, Herod will rage in his palace, Gabriel and a host of angels will bring the good news to the shepherds – and there will be no room at the inn, so Jesus will need a manger.

All are welcome to meet at 6pm for the procession from St Cecilia's church or to watch and join the carol singing on the estate.

There will be hot refreshments at the church afterwards.

Manager loses fight with firm

A SERVICES manager has lost a compensation bid against a Kidderminster firm in a dispute over whether he was self-employed.

Richard Baker planned to make a compensation claim for unfair dismissal against Lockett & Co of Church Street, Kidderminster.

He said he had been employed for nine years at the firm as retail services manager with a salary of £28,000 and a car.

Miss Erica John-Marie, representing Mr Baker at a Birmingham Employment Tribunal, said he was offered a £7,000-a-year pay increase if he took the job as head of licensing.

"He was eventually told he was no longer needed," she said.

Miss Rebecca South-Allen, for the firm, said Mr Baker had been a self-employed consultant.

Tribunal judge Miss Frances Monk decided that Mr Baker had been self-employed, preventing his claim.

The firm applied for £2,500 plus VAT in costs against Mr Baker, of Lee-on-Solent. The tribunal rejected the claim after Mr Baker said he could not afford it.

Students to tackle MP

STUDENTS who protested in Kidderminster over university fee rises plan to tackle their MP.

Stourport High School sixth form student council member Tom King, aged 17, said his group intended to meet Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier in the New Year.

He said: "Nothing about the plans is fair. There are other issues that we want to discuss."

The Stourport group were among around 20 students who protested peacefully outside Kidderminster Town Hall last Friday.

Santa set to ride the rails more often

TWO extra Christmas trains have been drafted in following huge demand for the traditional Santa trips at the Severn Valley Railway.

Of 63 Santa Special festive trips along the line from Kidderminster, all but 13 are sold out – so two extra Santa Herald journeys will run on December 20. The Herald trains run from Kidderminster to Highley with Santa on board.

Acting marketing manager David Mee said the heritage railway line was getting close to its 30,000 capacity for the trips.

"Although these are difficult times and for many people the recession is a long way from being over, there's a clear message here that the annual visit to the SVR to see Santa is not something folk are prepared to compromise upon," he said. "As we get closer to Christmas, it just gets busier."



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Delay loses council power over plan

GOVERNMENT Inspectors have stepped in to settle a row over plans for a housing development at Clent after councillors were accused of taking too long to deal with the application.

The scheme for 10 low-cost homes in a wooded area called The Pleck, has been met with anger from residents, who claim the area will be "ruined".

Bromsgrove District Council's planning committee voted to refuse planning permission at a meeting last week.

But the council no longer has power to enforce a decision because of claims it took too long to process the application.

The Planning Inspectorate in Bristol will decide whether to grant planning permission but campaigners fear a go-ahead as the inspectorate may not be aware of local issues and concerns. Plans, submitted by Clent Parish Council and West Mercia Housing Association, led to a Save the Pleck protest group being set up.

Applicants appealed to the inspectorate that the district council had not dealt with the proposals within six months.

Respect

The inspectorate agreed to take responsibility for the decision – so the planning committee was left powerless.

Clent MP Sajid Javid said: "I want the planning inspectorate to respect the strength of local opinion in Clent. Planning decisions should be made locally, not by bureaucrats in Bristol or Whitehall."

Two and three-bedroom homes are intended to help young families take a first step on the property ladder. Woodland of about 1,000 sq ft, is home to wildlife including badgers, hedgehogs, bats and owls, say residents.

People are also worried nearby Holy Cross Lane is too narrow for extra cars.

Caroline Howard, aged 45, of Holy Cross Lane, said: "We are concerned about the decision that will be made in Bristol but we are confident there is enough evidence to show the plans are not suitable."

A report to the planning committee recommended refusal.

It said: "The proposed development would result in the loss of an area of woodland which is considered to make an important contribution to the character and appearance of the Holy Cross Conservation Area."



Farm foreman Trevor Reece at work in the sprout fields of Harvington

Fight to save run down parish room

by Annabel Mottram
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A NEW committee formed to rescue a parish room from ruin and keep it open to the public, is pushing forward with its efforts.

Members of All Saints church in Wribbenhall, Bewdley, and local supporters have joined forces in a bid to gain charitable status for the hall which desperately needs repair work.

The group, chaired by Councillor Elizabeth Davies, hopes to secure the lease of the 100-year-old building from the Diocese of Worcester. Discussions are now under way.

Diane Chater, of All Saints Church, said: "If the committee are handed over the parish room's lease and charitable status is granted, funding can be applied for to refurbish the facilities so they continue to be available for generations to come.

"We have started our own fundraising efforts already at the Church and would like to thank everyone who bought homemade cakes from our stall at Bewdley Christmas market – over £400 was raised purely through the cake sale."

Next year's calendars are now available that depict Bewdley's past times at £6 each or two for £10, from Rudy on 01299 400608.

At present the Guides and Scouts, a pensionsers dance group and sports classes use the hall which dates back to the early 1900s. But facilities are in desperate need of an update.

Rudy Jahoor, a committee member, said: "There are only a couple of other venues available for local groups so the parish room is so important.

Decor

"The room is useable and the building structurally sound, but the kitchen, toilets and decor all need improvements and the roof and plumbing needs to be looked at."

The committee has applied to the Charity Commission for recognised charity status. A spokeswoman for the Diocese of Worcester said: "I can confirm that discussions are currently under way to draw up a set of terms for the handover."

Start-up cash offer to help rural firms

MORE than half a million pounds of funding for Worcestershire rural firms helped ideas as varied as a new wedding venue and a spa facility get started.

Now Worcestershire County Council is encouraging other businesses to see how they could be helped.

The Rural Enterprise Grants scheme has administered more than £560,000 of funding to companies in the county since February 2009.

It helps businesses develop and deliver ideas that promote diversification in rural industries. Ideas backed to get started include a yoga and spa facility, a farm shop and a caravan site washroom.

Councillor Simon Geraghty, cabinet member for economy , said: "It is so important to support local rural businesses and farmers as much as possible."

The scheme is open to rural micro-businesses and farmers. They can apply at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/businessopportunities or email the West Midlands rural grants manager on regscheme@herefordshire.gov.uk

Christmas favourite that is still sprouting freely

FEARS for the future of the Christmas brussels sprout have been allayed near Kidderminster.

There have been concerns that the freezing weather could kill off the traditional festive treat in the ground before the sprouts reach the shelves.

But at Stanley's Farm Shop in Harvington, near Kidderminster, sprout stalks are on sale at £1.30 each. Shop manager Virginia Richards said the last week before Christmas was always the busiest.

Farm shops across Worcestershire, the Black Country and Staffordshire are offering plenty of the little green vegetables although other treats, such as leeks, have proved tricky to get hold of in some parts of the West Midlands.

The Christmas rush has already started at Essington Fruit Farm near Wolverhampton where 20,000 sprouts are ready for harvest.

Owner Richard Simkin said: "The weather has not affected us, it's not like we had six foot of snow, so we've got plenty.

"It's a cold, raw job getting the sprouts out of the field in these temperatures.

"But the frost will have made them taste all the sweeter."









Pam turns page on 35-year task

A PARISH COUNCIL magazine distributor in Hartlebury has completed her final round after 35 years of service to the community.

Pam Burbridge, now 78, first started her duties at the age of 43 and has delivered 18 magazines, 10 times a year, ever since.

After suffering from knee problems Pam has decided now is the time to give up her duties and concentrate on her health and hobbies. A keen gardener, she hopes to spend more time relaxing at home in Waresley Court Road.

She has lived there with her husband since 1961.

Pam, who was also once a member of the village choir and parish council committee, said: "I have reached the age now where I feel it is time for a well-earned rest.

"If I relax more then it will help with my knees and reduce the pain that is caused when I do too much walking.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the village people and getting to know them through working for the parish council.

"It is such a friendly place to live and the community spirit is wonderful. I am very happy here and couldn't live in a better place."

Pam still intends to take part in community events and hopes to get more involved with the Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust.

Informative

The Hartlebury Parish magazine has 27 volunteers who help to distribute more than 600 copies across the village and surrounding areas.

"Over the years I have seen a vast improvement in the magazine," said Pam. "I don't think it could get any better or more informative.

"It is a hugely useful tool for villagers who need to know anything about Hartlebury."

Philip Moseley, head of magazine distribution, said: "Pam is a shining example for the volunteers we have.

"Everyone wishes her all the very best for the future and a very happy retirement after so many years of dedicated service to the parish council distribution team."



Last round: Pam Burbridge is standing down after 35 years of distributing the parish magazine

Theft of festive trees warning

PEOPLE in the Wyre Forest district are being urged to contact police if they see Christmas trees being stolen.

Police patrols around Harvington, near Kidderminster, have been increased after a farm reported 12 trees worth about £500 were cut down and stolen from a field overnight between December 5 and 6.

Every year thefts are reported from country parks and forests in rural areas around Wyre Forest, Bromsgrove and Redditch districts.

Police are warning that chopping down or digging up trees is theft.

People are urged to ensure they buy Christmas trees from a reliable supplier.

As well as country parks and forests, it is also an offence to dig up or cut down Christmas trees from farms and other commercial sites where they are grown for sale.

Meanwhile residents are being reminded to take precautions against thieves when they decorate their homes.

Every year, police receive reports of lights, wreaths, and holly balls being stolen, along with illuminated or blow up decorations

Anyone with information about thefts of Christmas trees or decorations should contact police on 0300 333 3000 preferably as the theft is in progress or ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 55111.

Santa on the way to Glades

SANTA will be squeezing a visit to the Wyre Forest Glades Leisure Centre into his busy Christmas schedule.

Children under five are invited to the leisure centre's Christmas party which will feature Father Christmas and a host of activities.

They include a range of inflatable play equipment, a bouncy castle and face painting.

The event is on Monday, December 20 from 10.30am-12.30pm.

Entry costs £3 per child and is free for family members. Free refreshments will also be available.

Pili Bennett, crèche supervisor, said: "It's a great opportunity for mums and dads to socialise while their children are playing freely."

To book, call the Bromsgrove Street centre on 01562 515151.

Council delays budget meeting

THE cabinet meeting to consider Wyre Forest District Council's medium term financial strategy and budget proposals for 2011-12 onwards has been postponed. from 21 December to January 10 .

It was due to have been held on December 21 but has been put back until January 10 to wait for details of what Government grants will be available.

Council leader Councillor John Campion said the decsion was made because of the delayed announcement of the provisional local government settlement of what councils will receive over the next four years.

Expects

Without it, the administration's budget proposals cannot be completed.

"It is not ideal having to take this step, but the matter has been taken out of our hands by the delay to the Government's announcement," he said.

The council expects to publish the budget proposals in the week of January 4.

Councillor added: "The public are most welcome to attend the cabinet meeting, and I would encourage local residents to study the proposals and to let us have their views before final decisions are taken during February."

The meeting will start at 6pm in the Earl Baldwin Suite, Duke House, Clensmore Street, Kidderminster.

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Pupils' glimpse into jobs future

CHILDREN in Kidderminster looked into the future when they took part in the first Franche Futures Fair.

Year Six children from Franche Community Primary School joined the Mayor Jeffrey Baker and 36 local businesses and professionals at the school to discuss jobs and the skills and qualifications needed.

Exhibitors who braved the snow on December 2 included representatives from the Severn Valley Business Group who spoke to the children about setting up a business, website design and bookkeeping.

Questions

Also present were medical professionals, the police, Co-op and sportsmen and women.

They talked to the children in small groups, answering questions and showing them items they might use at work.

Assistant head teacher Jackie Hampson, who organised the fair, said "The Franche Futures Fair has been a great success.

"The children felt very grown up and took the whole event very seriously."



Simon Collingridge and Kyle Williams of e64 discuss web design with Lauren Neale



Kidderminster Mayor Jeffrey Baker advises a Year Six pupil





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Carols and cash boost hospice



High note: Assistant head Vicky Vincent, Ele Millward from Kemp, headteacher Graham Hurrell and pianist Graham Irving with the school choir at the cheque presentation

CHOIR MEMBERS from a Kidderminster school gave Kemp Hospice some festive cheer with carols – and a cheque for £500.

Holy Trinity International School handed over the money after its senior choir performed a selection of carols at the hospice on December 7.

To raise the money, students took part in a number of activities including manning stalls and organising games at the school's annual summer fayre.

Headteacher Graham Hurrell said: "We are delighted to present Kemp Hospice with a cheque for £500 to help them continue the excellent work that they do providing amazing support to so many people from around the area."

Kemp fundraiser Ele Millward said: "We are very grateful to all the students and teachers at Holy Trinity International School. We were delighted to receive this very generous donation. The money is really valuable to us at Kemp Hospice and will go towards helping local people get the care and support that they need.

"The patients, volunteers and staff thoroughly enjoyed the carols and we all went home humming festive tunes!"

It's a busy time for the school singers. Holy Trinity recently staged Return to the Forbidden Planet while the junior choir represented the school at Birmingham's Young Voices.

The whole school choir is now preparing for next year's entry to the National Music for Youth Festival and the Dudley Music Festival.

Drivers are snaffling salt from the grit bins

SALT placed in bins to be spread on the county's roads is ending up on private properties, councillors fear.

Now Worcestershire County Council is urging residents who see anyone stealing salt from its grit bins to report the issue to the police.

The supplies provided in the bins are available for people to use on public highways and footpaths.

They are not for use on private properties.

Councillor Derek Prodger MBE, cabinet member for transport and safe environment, said: "It's very sad that we've been put in a position where we have to issue this warning.

"But unfortunately the number of reports we've been getting in about people pulling up in vehicles, helping themselves to supplies and emptying the grit bins has increased this winter season.

"The salt provided is there to help residents in cold snaps like the one we're experiencing.

Selfish

"It's quite clear on each bin that it's for use on the public highways only, so there really isn't an excuse for such selfish behaviour that could put people at risk.

"If anyone do see such incidents then I'd urge them to contact the local police to report the matter."

The county council now provides 1,200 grit bins – 150 more than last year – for public use.

They are placed at locations which meet certain criteria such as the gradient of the road, proximity of bends and junctions, level of traffic use and areas with more vulnerable residents.

For more information visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/gritting

Robbers snatch cigarettes

A GANG escaped with a big haul of cigarettes after robbing a delivery driver at Cookley, near Kidderminster.

A delivery vehicle had arrived outside the Tesco Express store in Bridge Street at 1.54pm on Thursday, December 9 when a white van pulled up by it and four or five men leaped out.

The driver was threatened and the gang grabbed cigarettes from the van and transferred them to their own vehicle before driving off in the direction of Castle Road and Kidderminster. No-one was hurt.

The robbers were all white, in their 20s or 30s and wearing casual clothing.

Dc Paul Willetts of Kidderminster CID said: "The raid was over in a matter of seconds. However, as this was in broad daylight at a busy time of day it is quite likely someone saw what happened.

"We really need to speak to anyone who has any information at all about this robbery."

Call 0300 333 3000 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 080 555 111.

Focus is on digital pictures



A focus on some of the countryside around the centre

YOU too could take a picture like this one – given the right weather and valuable tuition.

The Bishops Wood Environmental Centre is offering members of the public a chance to get to grips with digital cameras at a photography course.

The course is designed to help people learn the basics of digital photography and show them how to compose and take excellent pictures.

The course lasts a full day with the morning session covering the use of various controls on the camera to make full use of its potential. In the afternoon participants will head into the picturesque surroundings of Bishops Wood's ancient woodland and meadows. At the end of the day the course tutor will through go the photos taken and offer tips and advice.

Gill Frankling, centre co-ordinator of the site at Crossway Green, Stourport said: "This course would make a great present for anyone who has got, or is expecting to get, a new digital camera."

The course is on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the county council-run centre and costs £50 including lunch. Call Gill Frankling on 01299 250513 or email bishopswoodcentre@worcestershire.gov.uk

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Head and school make new start

THE HEAD teacher of a Kidderminster school is stepping down to allow a new stage in its life.

Jenny Wadlow has been head teacher of St. George's CE Primary for 12 years.

But she is retiring early at the end of this term.

The school is currently undergoing a redevelopment and Mrs Wadlow is keen to give the new head the opportunity to be engaged in the building stage as well as its opening.

Privilege

She said of the new build: "It's exactly what the community needs and deserves.

"I am filled with privilege to be involved in the planning of the new school," Mrs Wadlow added.

The head, whose husband has also recently retired, now plans to do voluntary work and also intends to spend some time at a craft college.

She said: "I've been very lucky to have a job where I enjoy working. The staff here have risen to every challenge, and the children have been fabulous.

"I'd like to thank the governors, councillors, churches, and the locals for being such an important part of the school's life."

The school is holding a retirement party, with governors and ex-staff attending to thank Mrs Wadlow for her time and commitment to the school.

The pupils are also expressing their thanks, with every class coming up with an idea.

Some classes are drawing pictures or making cards, while deputy head Brett Holden's class is making a video diary to give to Mrs Wadlow on a DVD.

Missed

Mr Holden said: "It will be nice for the kids to give Mrs Wadlow something she can watch. She will definitely be missed."

The new building will start in March with a completion target of Easter 2012.

The development is as part of the Wyre Forest Review.

Mrs Wadlow added: "It has been a very exciting time of my life.

"I am sad to be leaving but I believe the school will continue to excel," she said.

Police to call in at centres

POLICE are planning a number of surgeries at garden centres in Wyre Forest.

They will give an opportunity to meet the Kidderminster rural local policing team, discuss crime prevention issues and pick up some leaflets.

Community Support Officer Kate Easthope and Pc Jayne Willetts will be at Barnett Hill Garden Centre, near Blakedown, between 5pm and 7pm on Thursday and the following Wednesday.

They will be at Rowberrys Garden Centre on the A448 Bromsgrove Road, near Chaddesley Corbett, on Saturday between 9.30am and 11.30am.

CSO Easthope said: "I have already done a surgery at both of these venues which were a success and well received by visitors to the garden centres."

The will be back for other dates in 2011.

Park friends to carol sing

FRIENDS of St George's Park are carol singing in the park this Friday.

It is open to everyone, and there will be mince pies and hot chocolate provided, plus festive lights.

The singing starts at 5pm at the park, Radford Avenue. For more information call 01562 732343 or 07710 710004 or visit www.stgeorges-park.weebly.com for further details on the work of the friends.

Club gets a kick out of raising cash for charity

MEMBERS of a Kidderminster kick-boxing club fought rivals from across the nation during a charity competition.

It raised £300 for Kidderminster Ex-Servicemen and the Women's Trust.

The event dubbed Kidderminster versus The Nation was run by Winspers Kickboxing Gym.

It drew in a sell out crowd at Kidderminster Town Hall on November 28 with 300 fans cheering on the local martial artists.

Success

Emma-Jayne Webster, the fiancée of Kidderminster soldier Lance Corporal Richard Brandon who was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Afghanistan, was invited to present the prizes.

Beacon Radio presenter Jon Wyer was on hand to compere the event which proved to be a great success as members of Kidderminster's Winspers Kickboxing Gym won all bar two of their full contact bouts.

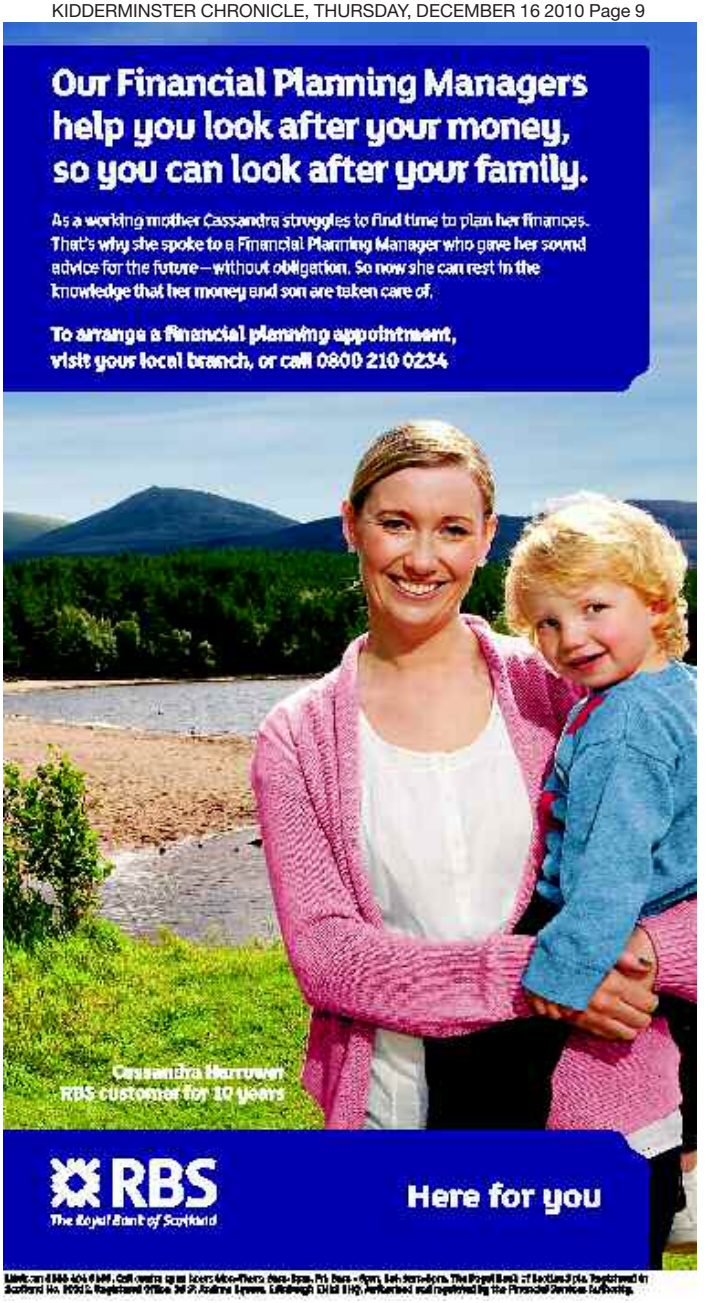
A club spokeswoman said: "The event was a major success and not only did it showcase what true kick-boxing talent we have in Kidderminster, but it also raised awareness for the Kidderminster ex-servicemen and Women's Trust, who raised £300 on the evening from the generosity of the punters."



Emma-Jayne Webster

The gym is in New Road. For information on how to join or to take up free training until the end of December call 01562 865195 or email winspers@btconnect.com

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A great night had by all, apart from other diners

WE ARE within a fortnight of the big day and you'll be pleased to hear I've finished my shopping!

It took me walking out of a few shops (refusing to queue) and debating the delayed arrival of online-ordered goods, but I'm just about ready to step into my Christmas slippers and welcome in the festive season.

That means Christmas partying, and The Wyre's do was a rather low-key and low-brow – but highly entertaining – outing. Highlights included Pauline and Jo trying to get us all free food in Bewdley and seeing some of Adam from Travel's fly dance moves.

A great night had by all . . . except anybody sat by the gobby radio presenters in the Indian restaurant!

I've got details of two wonderful charity opportunities for you today: Paul Ingenthron, from Kidderminster, is swimming the English Channel in August 2011 to raise money for Cancer Research and Make-A-Wish, in memory of his 14-year-old brother Mike.

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Anthony Holland from Kidderminster will be running in the London Marathon in aid of Epilepsy Action on Sunday, April 17, 2011.

His son started to suffer from Rolandic epilepsy a couple of years ago. Details at website www.justgiving.com/antholland.

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WEATHER UPDATE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

That brief respite from the cold and ice didn't last long, with heavy rain – possibly turning to snow – forecast for today.

Strong, cold winds were also expected with a risk of ice, while tomorrow may well see more snow showers.

More snow is likely to fall over the weekend, and with the windy conditions there will be a risk of drifting and even the occasional temporary blizzard.

Ice and widespread overnight frosts can be anticipated and the picture doesn't improve greatly going into next week. It's expected to stay very cold and there's also a chance of freezing fog.



DANI WOZENCROFT FROM WYRE NEWS WITH THE LATEST ROADWORKS

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A449 Stourbridge Road has temporary traffic lights opposite number 153 today (December 16).
Canterbury Road has temporary traffic lights at the Truro Drive junction until tomorrow (December 17).
Hoo Road has temporary traffic lights opposite number 153 from tomorrow (December 17) until December 21.

Hartlebury
A449 Waresley to Torton Road has a speed limit of 40mph and contra flow by the Old Worcester Road until April 1, 2011.

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STRICTLY COME DANCING

BBC1, 7pm

It may not have generated quite so many headlines as The X Factor, but it's still been a very good year for Strictly Come Dancing. Unlike in 2009, there were no ageism arguments erupting half-way before the series had even started, while the celebrity line-up was arguably the starriest to date. And of course, there was Ann Widdecombe. While some dance purists were annoyed that she stayed while more talented performers got voted out, no one can deny that her routines created a talking point. But now the final is here, will the audience still be in the mood for a laugh, or are things about to get very serious indeed?

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigella Kitchen (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Sports Personality of the Year: The Contenders (R) **1.50** Olympic International Horse Show. **2.45** Film: The Game Plan (2007) **4.30** Final Score. Roundup of football results. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Total Wipeout – Celebrity Special.

6.10 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. Jon Culshaw and Debra Stephenson impersonate famous faces. (R)

7.00 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the final of the contest, in which the three couples vie for the glitterball trophy with an array of dazzling dances. Last in the series.

8.00 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. With musical guest Tinie Tempah.

8.15 Comedy. Kirsty makes an important decision about her future.

9.05 Strictly Come Dancing. This year's champions are revealed. Last in the series.

10.05 BBC Olympic Yearbook.

10.25 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Liverpool v Fulham; National Lottery Update.

11.15 The Football League Show.

1.05 The Apprentice; (R) Weatherview. **2.10** Sign Zone: Operation Mincemeat. (R) **3.10** The Big Silence. (R) **5.10** Rick Stein's Cornish Christmas. (R) **6.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** BBC Switch: The Cut. **10.15** BBC Switch: Rules of Love. **1.30** BBC Switch: The S-19 Show. **2.20** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.30** At Home with the Georgians. (R) **4.20** One Man and His Dog. **5.20** Film: The Guns of Navarone. (1961)

6.00 Devil's Army. Fraser is unable to hide his delight when Captain Mainwaring's disreputable brother gatecrashes a cherry party for local dignitaries. Classic comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

8.40 Blackadder II. Edmund Blackadder, conniving courtier to Queen Elizabeth I, takes a spirited young lad on as his manservant – unaware the fellow is not quite what he seems. (R)

9.15 How I Got a Bit Here Now for You. Alexander Armstrong hosts an extended version of the satirical current affairs quiz, with comedian Rose Noble joining regular team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton.

10.00 QI XL. With Bill Bailey, Rich Hall and Rob Brydon. (R)

10.45 Believe The Hype Immortal Story. Documentary charting the comedian's rise to fame, featuring interviews with his friends.

12.15 Film: The Drowning Pool. (1975) Thriller sequel, starring Paul Newman. **2.00** Medium. (R) **2.40** BBC News. **2.50** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: The Fluffy Club. **7.25** Tweenies. **7.50** Monk. **9.40** The X Factor. (R) **11.10** This Morning. Saturday. **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.00** Coronation Street: 50 Years, 50 Moments. (R) **2.00** Film: A Cinderella Story. (2004) **3.45** Film: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium. (2007) **5.15** Regional Programmes. **6.05** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Finally, Film of the Doodle. Revealing the result of the ITV viewers' vote.

7.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special. Actor Joe Swash and reality TV star Kelly Osbourne play for charity. Last in the series.

8.00 Take Me Out. A boxer, a teacher, a property developer and a rapper try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couple go on their dates. Paddy McGuinness presents.

9.15 FILE: Bridget Jones's Diary. (2001) A woman begins a new year by resolving to find love and give up her bad habits. Romantic comedy based on Helen Fielding's novel, with Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth.

11.05 ITV News; Weather.

11.20 Gaga: Live in Berlin. The singer performs with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra.

12.45 The Zone. Shopping and interactive gaming. ITV News Headlines. **2.45** Surface. (R) **4.20** Sons and Daughters. **4.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.10** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.30 Sell Mel. (R) **6.45** Yo Gabba Gabba. (R) **7.00** World Sport. **7.25** Sailing. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: One Tree Hill. **9.30** T4: Ugly Betty. (R) **10.30** T4: Koko Pop. **11.20** T4: Burlesque: T4 Movie Special. **11.55** T4: Friends. (R) **12.50** T4: Hollyoaks Music Show Christmas Special. **1.25** Channel 4 Racing. **3.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Film: Horton Hears a Who! (2008) Premiere. Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Jim Carrey.

6.05 Come Dine with Me. School teacher Natalie Morrison hosts the third party in Glasgow. (R)

6.35 Come Dine with Me. Scott Borthwick hosts the penultimate dinner party in Glasgow. (R)

7.05 Come Dine with Me. Helen Hancock hosts the final dinner party in Glasgow. (R)

7.35 Channel 4 News.

7.55 Hignfy Live. Exploring the relevance of Jesus in modern Britain.

8.30 Gordon and Phil's Perfect Christmas. The necessary elements for a perfect Christmas Day. (R)

9.00 Gordon and Phil's Perfect Christmas. The duo plan New Year celebrations. Last in the series. (R)

10.05 The Million Pound Drop Live.

11.25 FILE: Scary Movie 2. (2001) Spoof horror sequel, starring Anna Faris.

1.00 King of the Hill. **1.25** Film: An Everlasting Piece. (2000) Comedy, starring Barry McEvoy and Brian O'Byrne. **3.15** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **5.00** ER. (R) **5.30** One Tree Hill.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** K-9. **10.25** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **11.25** Your Sport. **11.55** The Gadget Show. (R) **12.55** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) **1.55** Film: Naughty or Nice. (2004) Festive comedy, starring George Lopez. **3.35** Film: Crazy for Christmas. (2005) Family drama, starring Andrea Roth. **5.30** Film: Call Me Claus. (2001) Christmas family drama, starring Whoopi Goldberg.

7.30 Five News.

7.35 The Chatelles. In a festive edition of the crime drama, the team investigates when a member of the National Society of Authentic Santas is murdered. Starring Simon Baker and Robin Tunney. (R)

8.30 ID35. The team hears that an old enemy has returned, and Gibbs is distressed to learn he is being targeted as the criminal's next victim. Guest starring Rudolf Martin. (R)

9.05 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Part two of two. The team co-operates with a serial killer to get information on Dr Jekyll, while Langston learns of the fate awaiting the next victim. (R)

10.05 CSI: NY. CSI Miami's Horatio Caine pursues a criminal in New York.

11.05 CSI: NY. Danny gets trapped in a panic room. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **1.05** Poker. (R) **4.35** The Family Recipe. (R) **5.00** Hamish Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.15** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.25** Fearless Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

7.55 ITV at the Christmas Movies **9.00** The Xtra Factor: Best and Worst 2010 **9.50** The Xtra Factor: The Winner's Story 2010 **10.00** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **11.55** Celebrity Juice: JLS Special

ITV3

12.00 Monk **12.55** Inspector Morse **3.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.00** A Touch of Frost **11.05** Cracker

ITV4

9.00 Film: The Man From the Alamo (1953) **10.30** Film: Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) **12.50** Film: In Enemy Country (1968) **10.00** Cricket: The Ashes **11.00** Film: Mad Max (1979)

BBC THREE

7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Film: Catch Me If You Can (2002) A conman lies his way across America, posing as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer, while outwitting the FBI at every turn. Fact-based drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks. **10.05** Russell Howard Live: Dingle-ledee: A performance by the comedian. **11.05** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad!

BBC FOUR

7.00 Life **8.00** Folk Music at Christmas **9.00** Wallander: Firewall **10.35** Reidenbach Falls **11.35** Tom Jones at the BBC

E4

7.45 Make It or Break It **8.00** Friends **9.30** Ugly Betty **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.25** Friends **10.05** Meet the Parents

FILE 4

2.30 The Nativity Story (2006) **9.30** Mojambo (1953) **7.05** Turner & Hooch (1989) Family comedy, starring Tom Hanks, Mare Winningham and Craig T Nelson. **9.00** 27 Dresses (2008) A single woman acting as a bridesmaid at her sister's wedding is secretly in love with the groom. Romantic comedy with Katherine Heigl, James Marsden and Malin Akerman. **11.00** Underworld: Evolution (2006)

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(L-R) Service Manager John Cowley; New Car Sales Manager, Dan Reavey; Service Advisor, Natalie Talley; Commercial Vehicle Sales Executive Andrew Kent; Used Car Sales Manager, Andy Waterhouse and Parts Manager, Wayne Smith.

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SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

BBC1, 7pm

Wherever this show is broadcast, fans know that Christmas is just around the corner – but who will be celebrating the festive season with a shiny new trophy on the mantelpiece as well as a turkey in the oven? In the running (pardon the pun) for the main award are the likes of Jessica Ennis, Tom Daley, AP McCoy and Graeme McDowell, and expect to see reports about various sporting events from the past 12 months, such as the European Ryder Cup team's triumph over the US, this year's Wimbledon and England's flop during the World Cup in South Africa.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.25** Match of the Day. (Fi) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Sir Cliff Richard. **11.00** Country Tracks. **12.00** BBC News. **12.05** Wild Weather of the Midlands. **12.25** EastEnders. **2.25** Drop Zone. **3.25** Drop Zone. **4.25** Lifeline. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.20** Jimmy's Food Factory. (Fi)

6.00 Countryfile Winter Special. The team experiences winter on North Uist in the Outer Hebrides, where Matt Baker learns a traditional Scottish dance and John Craven tries his hand at bartering for goods.

7.00 Sports Personality of the Year. Sue Barker, Gary Lineker and Jake Humphrey present from Birmingham's LG Arena. Includes a review of the year's highlights, before the 57th recipient of the award is announced. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

9.00 The Apprentice. The two finalists launch a new high-quality alcoholic beverage before Alan Sugar reveals who he has chosen as the winner of this year's competition. Last in the series.

11.00 BBC News; Weather.

11.20 FILE: Butterfly on a Wheel. (2007) Premiere. Thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan. Weatherview.

12.35 Sign Zone Coast. (Fi) **1.25** Holby City. (Fi) **2.20** Turn Back Time – The High Street. (Fi) **3.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** The Nation's Favourite Christmas Food. (Fi) **12.30** Flog It! (Fi) **1.00** Escape to the Country. (Fi) **1.55** One Man and His Dog. **2.55** Live Olympic International Horse Show. **3.00** Coast. (Fi) **3.50** Film: Big Jake. (1971) Western, starring John Wayne.

7.00 Edwardian Farm. The arrival of spring sees the daffodil harvest, a pony trek and the birth of new lambs – as well as a pleasant surprise for Ruth in the run-up to Mother's Day.

8.00 The Holly Bikers: Elvis Knew Doctor Christmas. Si King and Dave Myers find out what mothers are cooking for their families over the festive period, including roast goose and salted cured lamb steamed over birch twigs.

9.00 The Many Faces of Richard Wilson. The actor, best known for his roles in One Foot in the Grave and Merlin, reminisces about his career on screen.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Chelsea v Manchester United.

11.10 Eddie Izzard: Stripped. A stand-up show by the outlandish comedian from his Stripped tour, showcasing the surreal brand of humour that has brought him success on both sides of the Atlantic.

12.40 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (Fi) **1.10** Medium. (Fi) **1.50** Film: Nosferatu the Vampyre. (1979)

ITV1

6.00 CITV: The Fluffy Club. **7.25** Toonattik. **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.15** This Morning Sunday. **12.05** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Coronation Street: 50 Years, 50 Moments. (Fi) **2.00** Film: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. (1989) Comedy, starring Chevy Chase. **4.30** Film: The Mummy. (1999) Action adventure, starring Brendan Fraser.

6.00 Regional Programmes. 6.15 ITV News; Weather. 6.30 FILE: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. (2007) The young wizard unites his fellow pupils into a secret army to battle the evil Lord Voldemort. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Gary Oldman.

9.00 David Soul on the Orient Express. The Poirot star rides the famous train through Europe, exploring its rich history and discovering some of the real-life drama the Orient Express has witnessed over the years.

9.00 ITV News; Weather. 10.15 FILE: Atonement. (2007) Premiere. A 13-year-old girl accuses her sister's lover of a crime he did not commit, with tragic repercussions. Romantic period drama, starring Keira Knightley and James McAvoy.

12.40 Christmas Tales: The Legends of Santa. (Fi) **1.40** The Zone. ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Motorsport UK. **2.35** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **3.40** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.20 Sali Mali. (Fi) **6.55** The Treacle People. (Fi) **7.25** Planet Cook. (Fi) **8.25** Survival of the Fittest. **9.20** Freeports on 4. **7.30** T4: One Tree Hill. **8.05** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.15** T4: Tom Cruise ft. Kylie Minogue – Video Exclusive & Behind the Scenes. **11.25** T4: Being Mr Dube at Christmas. (Fi) **12.40** T4: UglyBetty. **1.00** T4: The Simpsons. (Fi) **2.15** Film: Annie. (1982) John Huston's musical, with Albert Finney and Carol Burnett. **4.40** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Channel 4 News. **5.55** 4thoughts.

6.00 100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross. Jonathan Ross counts down the nation's favourite games, gadgets and gizmos.

7.00 The Secret Millionaire Changed My Life. Businessman Paul Ragan returns to Derby to see how money he donated to good causes has helped disadvantaged residents of the East Midlands city.

10.00 Desperate Housewives. Paul's malicious plan for Victoria Lane is put in motion.

11.00 Father Ted. Fathers Dougal and Ted have their worst Christmas ever by getting lost in a store's lingerie department, leaving them in a highly embarrassing predicament. Dermot Morgan stars. (Fi)

12.15 The Real Housewives of New Jersey. **1.15** American Football Live. New England Patriots v Green Bay Packers (Kick-off 1.30am). **4.15** Whitechapel. 2010. (Fi) **5.10** One Tree Hill. **5.55** Sali Mali. (Fi)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Fireman Sam. (Fi) **6.10** Rupert Bear. (Fi) **6.30** Mice Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (Fi) **7.00** Mio Mao. (Fi) **7.05** The WotWots. (Fi) **7.20** Postman Pat and Custard Too. (Fi) **7.30** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (Fi) **7.50** Make Way for Noddy. (Fi) **7.55** Mitzi Sheepdog Tales. (Fi) **8.05** Little Princess. (Fi) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (Fi) **8.30** Funky Christmas Special. (Fi) **8.40** Family. (Fi) **8.55** Castle Farm. (Fi) **8.55** Olivia. (Fi) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (Fi) **9.30** George Shrinks. (Fi) **10.00** Shakiel: iCarly. **10.25** True Jackson, VP. **11.00** K-9. **11.05** Zoo Days. (Fi) **11.30** Zoo Days. (Fi) **12.20** Andre Rieu in Concert. (Fi) **1.05** Emergency Bikers. (Fi) **2.10** Film: Sookie the Wind. (1988) **3.05** Film: A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa. (2008) Premiere. Puppet comedy, with Richard Griffiths. **5.00** Five News. **5.15** Film: Mr Miracle. (2009)

7.05 FILE: A Christmas Carol. (1999) Dickens' classic ghost story, starring Patrick Stewart.

9.00 FILE: Blood Work. (2002) A former FBI agent recovering from a heart transplant tracks down his organ donor's killer. Thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Anjelica Huston.

11.15 FILE: No Mercy. (1986) Action thriller, starring Richard Gere.

1.20 SuperCasino. **1.45** Poker. **4.35** The Family Recipe. (Fi) **5.00** Home's Helpline. (Fi) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (Fi) **5.25** Thomas & Friends. (Fi) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (Fi)

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ITV2

6.05 The Xtra Factor. **7.05** The Xtra Factor: The Winner's Story 2010. **8.05** Take Me Out. **8.00** This Is Michael Bible. **9.00** Film: Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason. (2004) **11.05** Kerry Katona – The Next Chapter.

ITV3

6.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Master Blackmailer. **7.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot. **9.00** Single-Handed. **11.00** Film: Clue. (1985)

ITV4

2.00 Film: Captain Newman MD. (1964) **4.05** Film: The Pride and the Passion. (1957) **7.00** The Professionals. **8.00** The Sweeney. **9.05** Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club. **10.00** Cricket: The Ashes. **11.00** Film: Jaws 3. (1983)

BBC THREE

7.00 EastEnders: The Greatest Cliffhangers. Part three of three. The show's top 20 cliffhangers. **8.00** Kara Tointon: Don't Call Me Stupid. The actress discusses her personal battle with dyslexia. **9.00** Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special. The couple make a surprise announcement. **10.00** How Not to Live Your Life. **10.30** Coming of Age. **11.00** Family Guy.

BBC FOUR

7.00 Ten Best Secret Christmas Classics. Music lovers discuss their favourite festive tunes. **8.00** The Truth About Carols. **9.00** Soul Noel: Gospel & Soul Stars Singing Christmas. **10.00** The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency. **11.00** Festivals: Britannia.

E4

2.00 Friends. **9.00** Film: Fantastic Four. (2005) **4.00** Film: Shiloh. (2000) **10.00** Misfits: Christmas Special. **11.00** Hollyoaks.

FILM4

7.15 The Desert Fox. (1951) **9.00** Carry On Dick. (1974) **9.30** Bitch: Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. (1969) **2.00** Die Hard. (1988) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **11.10** Alfie. (1966) Comedy-drama, starring Michael Caine.



Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal 24:7. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 11.30 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.55 Rio Pilot. (R) 2.25 The Young Ones. (R) 3.25 Film: Father of the Bride. (1991) 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The Nativity. 7.30 Deadly 60. (R) BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Panorama: Carry On Banking. 9.00 Account. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 The Graham Norton Show. (R) 11.55 The Apprentice: (R) Weatherview. 2.00 Sign Zone: The Apprentice: The Final Five. (R) 3.00 The Apprentice. (R) 4.00 Rick Stein's Cornish Christmas. (R) 4.30 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.30 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.35 Animal Park: Wild in Africa. (R) 9.00 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 10.00 Britain by Bike. (R) 10.30 Flint: The Magnificent Showman. (1964) 12.25 Film 2010 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) 1.15 The Hairy Bikers' Twelve Days of Christmas. (R) 2.15 Ready Steady Cook. (R) 3.00 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 3.50 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. 6.30 Outtake TV. (R) 7.00 Yellowstone. (R) 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Miranda. 9.00 Ruth Jones' Christmas Crooner. 9.30 Have I Got News for You. (R) 10.10 Film: Sliding Doors. (1998) 11.55 Grumpy Old Women at Christmas. (R) 12.55 Medium. (R) 2.10 BBC News. 2.30 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 House Gift Christmas Special. 3.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 4.50 Regional News; Weather. 5.00 The Unforgettable Harry Secombe. 5.40 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Countryvalue Kitchen. 8.30 Come Rain Come Shine. 9.30 ITV News; Weather. 11.00 Regional News; Weather. 11.05 Film: Intolerable Cruelty. (2003) 12.55 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 The Teade People. (R) 6.15 Freshly Squeezed. 6.40 One Tree Hill. 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 According to Jim. (R) 8.25 Kirstie's Homemade Christmas. (R) 9.25 T4: Friends. (R) 9.55 T4: Friends. (R) 10.30 T4: The Album Chart Show: N-Dubz Special. (R) 11.00 T4: Glee. (R) 12.00 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas. (R) 12.05 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas. (R) 12.10 3 Minute Wonder: 12 Days of Christmas. (R) 12.15 Film: Babys' Day Out. (1994) Family comedy with Joe Mantegna. 2.05 Film: Harry and the Hendersons. (1987) 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Scrooge or Santa. 4.55 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 News. 7.55 4thoughtTV. 8.00 River Cottage Christmas. (R) 9.00 James' Best Ever Christmas. 10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. 11.05 Peep Show. (R) 11.30 Child Drill: Dye in London. (R) 12.00 Premier League Poker. 1.00 Film: All the Pretty Horses. (2000) 3.30 King of the Hill. 4.05 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 4.50 ER. (R) 5.35 One Tree Hill.

Channel Five 6.00 Milkshake! 8.45 (R) 10.20 Penguin Adventure with Nigel Marven. (R) 10.50 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 11.50 Five News. 12.00 Film: A Grandpa for Christmas. (2007) Family comedy, starring Ernest Borgnine. 1.55 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 3.10 Film: The Christmas Carol. (2006) 5.00 Five News; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Monkey Life. 6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.00 Five News at 7. 7.30 How Do They Do It?; Five News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show's Christmas Stocking. Highlights from the current series. Last in the series; Five News at 9. 9.00 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. 10.00 Film: The Foreigner. (2003) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. 11.55 The Hunt for Red October. The True Story. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino. 3.55 Poker. (R) 4.45 House Doctor. (R) 5.30 Mkhaelah: Wild Challenge. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal 24:7. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 11.30 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.55 Keeping Up Appearances. (R) 2.25 The Young Ones. (R) 3.25 Film: George of the Jungle. (1997) 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The Nativity. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 Accidental Farmer. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Imagine: Ray Davies – Imaginary Man. 11.55 Film: Talking Sides. (2001) Factual-based drama, starring Harvey Keitel; Weatherview. 1.55 Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) 2.15 The Apprentice – Who's Fired Them. (R) 3.15 Turn Back Time – The High Street. (R) 4.15 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.30 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.55 Animal Park: Wild in Africa. (R) 9.00 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 10.00 Britain by Bike. (R) 10.00 Film: Spirited Away. (2002) 12.00 Film: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas. (1993) 1.50 Rick Stein's Christmas Odyssey. 2.20 Ready Steady Cook. (R) 3.05 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 3.50 Flog It! (R) 4.35 Pointless. (R) 5.20 Celebrity Eggheads. 5.50 Porridge. (R) 6.30 Top of the Pops: 2 Christmas Special 2010. 8.00 Top Gear. 8.55 Oz and Hugh Raise the Bar. 10.05 Mock the Week. 10.35 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. 11.05 Have I Got News for You. (R) 11.35 Russell Howard Live: Dingledodies. 12.35 The Many Faces of Richard Wilson. (R) 1.35 Medium. (R) 3.00 BBC News.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best Christmas House Win. 3.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 4.50 Regional News; Weather. 5.00 The Unforgettable Danny La Rue. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 River Monsters. 8.00 Children's Hospital at Christmas. 9.00 The Savoy. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: The Duke of Hazzard. (2005) 12.35 Christmas Tales: The Story of the Tree. (R) 1.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.30 The Rockford Files. (R) 4.25 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.30 Freshly Squeezed. 6.50 One Tree Hill. 7.40 Frasier. (R) 8.05 According to Jim. (R) 8.35 Kirstie's Homemade Christmas. (R) 9.35 T4: Friends. (R) 10.05 T4: Friends. (R) 10.35 T4: The Album Chart Show: McFly Special. (R) 11.05 T4: Glee. (R) 12.00 Film: Because of Winn-Dixie. (2005) 2.05 Film: Alaska. (1996) 4.10 Deal or No Deal: Scrooge or Santa. 5.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughtTV. 8.00 The Secrets of Westminster Abbey: A Time Team Special. (R) 9.00 James' Best Ever Christmas. 10.00 Frankie Boyle's Tramshed Nights. 10.30 The Morgana Show. 11.05 The Family. 12.05 Music on 4: Little Noise Sessions. 12.30 Mercury Prize Sessions: Chapel Club. (R) 12.55 Mumford and Sons: Gentlemen of the Road. (R) 1.10 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: Spotlight. 1.25 Beach Volleyball. 2.15 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.45 World Sport. (R) 3.10 Deadliest Catch. (R) 3.55 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 4.45 ER. (R) 5.25 One Tree Hill.

Channel Five 6.00 Milkshake! 8.45 (R) 10.20 Penguin Adventure with Nigel Marven. (R) 10.50 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 11.50 Five News. 12.00 Film: Three Wise Guys. (2005) 1.55 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 3.07 Flirb – Food for Feudin'. (R) 3.10 Film: A Carol Christmas. (2003) 5.00 Five News; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Monkey Life. 6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.00 Five News at 7. 7.30 Street Market Chefs: Two Bakewell chefs create meals using chocolate; Five News. 8.00 The Princess and the Press: How Kate's Life Will Change Forever; Five News at 9. 9.00 CSI: Miami. 10.00 CSI: NY. (R) 10.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 11.55 The CSI. (R) 12.55 Super Casino. 3.55 Poker. (R) 4.45 House Doctor. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal 24:7. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 11.30 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.55 Only Fools and Horses. (R) 2.25 The Young Ones. (R) 3.20 Film: Herbie: Fully Loaded. (2005) 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The Nativity. 7.30 Dig 1940; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Jimmy's Food Factory. 8.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. 9.00 Supermarkets: What Price Cheap Food?; Panorama. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery: Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Catherine Tate: Nanic Christmas Carol; (R) National Lottery Update. 11.55 Film: Holiday in Handcuffs. (2007) Weatherview. 1.55 Sign Zone: Country Tracks. (R) 2.05 The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion. (R) 3.05 The Hairy Bikers' Mums Know Best at Christmas. (R) 4.05 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 Animal Park: Wild in Africa. (R) 9.15 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 9.45 Britain by Bike. (R) 10.15 Film: The Cardinal. (1963) Drama, starring Tom Tryon. 1.15 Lifeline. (R) 1.45 Coast. 2.30 Rick Stein's Cornish Christmas. 3.25 Ready Steady Cook. (R) 3.05 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 3.50 Flog It! (R) 4.35 Pointless. (R) 5.20 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. 6.35 Yellowstone. (R) 7.35 Nigella Kitchen. 8.05 Victoria Wood with All the Trimmings. (R) 9.00 Film: The Other Boleyn Girl. (2008) Premiere. Historical drama, starring Natalie Portman. 11.50 Ruth Jones' Christmas Crooner. (R) 11.30 The Goodies. (R) 12.00 The Funny Side of Christmas. (R) 1.00 Medium. (R) 2.20 BBC News. 2.40 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot. (R) 3.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 4.50 Regional News; Weather. 5.00 The Unforgettable Mike Reid. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Countryvalue Winter Special. 7.30 Emmerdale. 8.00 It's Paul Burling. 9.00 The Comedy Annual 2010. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Batman Begins. (2005) 1.00 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.05 Surface. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

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Channel Five 6.00 Milkshake! 8.45 (R) 10.20 Penguin Adventure with Nigel Marven. (R) 10.50 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 11.50 Five News. 11.55 Film: A Boyfriend for Christmas. (2004) 1.55 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 3.15 Film: Our First Christmas. (2008) Family drama, starring Julie Warner. 5.00 Five News; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Monkey Life. 6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.00 Five News at 7. 7.30 Highland Emergency; Five News Update. 8.00 Emergency Bikers; Five News at 9. 9.00 NCIS. (R) 10.00 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. Bobby is haunted by the past. Last in the series. 10.55 Law & Order. (R) 11.55 Poker. 12.50 Super Casino. 3.55 Poker. (R) 4.45 House Doctor. (R) 5.30 Mkhaelah: Wild Challenge. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Animal 24:7. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 11.30 Film: The Santa Clause. (1994) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Regional News; Weather. 1.30 Only Fools and Horses. (R) 2.25 Film: Shrek. (2001) 4.50 Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. (2005) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The Nativity. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 How Science Changed Our World. 9.00 New Tricks. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. 11.05 Film: Surviving Christmas. (2004) 12.30 Film: Ooh, You Are Awful. (1972) Skilling Weatherview. 2.30 Sign Zone: Panorama: Carry On Banking. (R) 2.50 Countryside Winter Special. (R) 3.35 The Normans. (R) 5.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 Animal Park: Wild in Africa. (R) 9.15 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 9.45 Britain by Bike. (R) 10.15 Film: Born Yesterday. (1950) 11.55 Film: On Moonlight Bay. (1951) 1.25 The Hairy Bikers' Mums Know Best at Christmas. (R) 2.25 Ready Steady Cook. (R) 3.10 Film: Mad Venture. Gold. (1963) Western, starring Gregory Peck. 5.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. 6.30 Yellowstone. (R) 7.30 Are You Being Served?. (R) 8.00 The Two Ronnies' Christmas Special. 1984. (R) 8.30 Being Ronnie Corbett. 9.00 The Two Ronnies: The Studio Recordings. 10.30 Ronnie Barker: A Battle Titanic. (R) 11.30 The Goodies. (R) 12.00 Medium. (R) 12.55 BBC News. 1.15 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Make a Wish Lapland Special. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot. (R) 3.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 4.50 Regional News; Weather. 5.00 The Unforgettable Spike Milligan. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Bond of Brothers Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Live: Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? 10.15 ITV News; Weather. 10.45 Regional News; Weather. 10.50 Carols at Christmas. 11.50 Film: Jesus Christ Superstar. (1973) ITV News Headlines. 1.05 Film: Lorenzo's Oil. (1992) 4.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 Sell Mill. (R) 6.20 Freshly Squeezed. 6.50 One Tree Hill. 7.35 Frasier. (R) 8.05 According to Jim. (R) 8.30 T4: Hollyoaks: Mucko Show Christmas Special. (R) 9.35 T4: Friends. (R) 10.05 T4: Being N-Dubz at Christmas. (R) 11.05 T4: Glee. (R) 12.05 T4: Friends. (R) 12.35 Film: Dr Dolittle 3. (2006) 2.20 Film: Mickie on 34th Street. (1947) 4.10 Deal or No Deal: Scrooge or Santa. 5.00 The Simpsons. 5.30 Prep & Landing. 6.00 Hollyoaks. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughtTV. 8.00 Christmas with Gordon. 8.00 The House That Made Me. 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats: Christmas Special. 10.50 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 11.55 Frankie Boyle's Tramshed Nights. (R) 12.30 The Morgana Show. (R) 1.00 King of the Hill. 1.25 Film: Lantana. (2001) 3.25 Film: Boy on a Dolphin. (1957) 5.15 One Tree Hill.

Channel Five 6.00 Milkshake! 8.40 (R) 10.15 Penguin Adventure with Nigel Marven. (R) 10.45 Zoo Days. (R) 11.20 Five News. 11.30 Film: Home for Christmas. (1999) Family drama, starring Mickey Rooney. 1.30 Neighbours. 2.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 2.55 Film: Cannonball Run II. (1983) Car-racing comedy sequel, starring Burt Reynolds. 5.00 Five News; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Monkey Life. 6.25 Live from Studio Five. Topical reports. 7.00 Five News at 7. 7.30 Street Market Chefs; Five News Update. 8.00 Demolition: The Unthinkable Strip. The cutting of a 40-year-old US naval ship; Five News at 9. 9.00 Film: 300. (2006) Fantasy war adventure; Five News Update. 11.20 The Gadget Show's Christmas Stocking. (R) 12.15 SuperCasino. 3.55 Poker. (R) 4.45 House Doctor. (R) 5.30 Mkhaelah: Wild Challenge. (R)

Friday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 CBBC. 10.00 Christmas Saturday Kitchen. 11.30 Film: The Santa Clause 2. (2002) Disney comedy adventure sequel, starring Tim Allen. 1.30 BBC News; Weather. 1.35 Regional News; Weather. 1.55 Only Fools and Horses. (R) 2.25 Jimmy's Food Factory. (R) 3.05 Film: Cars. (2006) Premiere. Pixar animated adventure, with the voices of Owen Wilson and Paul Newman. 4.55 Strictly the Halls. (R) 5.15 Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian. (2008) Premiere. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Ben Barnes. 7.55 BBC News. 7.59 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 My Family. 9.00 Ol. 10.00 Have I Got News for You Christmas Special. 10.30 The Graham Norton Show. 11.15 The National Lottery: 25 Christmas Millionaires. 11.30 BBC News; Weather. 11.45 Midnight Mass; Weatherview. 1.15 Film: The Money Pit. (1986) Comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Shelley Long. 2.40 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.30 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 Animal Park: Wild in Africa. (R) 9.00 Climbing Great Buildings. (R) 9.30 Britain by Bike. (R) 10.00 Film: The Fox and the Child. (2007) 11.30 Film: Suspicion. (1941) 1.05 Film: She Wore a Yellow Ribbon. (1949) 2.95 Meant to Be: Don Giovanni from Glyndebourne. 3.35 Celebrity Eggheads. 4.15 Dad's Army. (R) 4.45 Carols from Kings. 5.00 Edwardian Farm. 5.30 Wildest and I Come to You. 5.55 The Many Faces of Alison Steadman. 6.55 Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special. (R) 11.55 The Worst Christmas of My Life. (R) 12.25 The Goodies: and the Beanstalk. (R) 1.10 Medium. (R) 2.25 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 This Morning: Christmas Crackers. 10.40 Film: Casper. (1995) Family comedy, starring Christina Ricci. 12.30 ITV News; Weather. 12.45 Regional News; Weather. 12.55 Film: Miracle on 34th Street. (1994) 3.00 Film: The Queen. (2006) 4.55 Countryvalue at Christmas. 5.55 The Santa Files: with John Sergeant. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 You've Been Framed! Christmas. (R) 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Paul O'Grady's Christmas. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.15 Film: The Holiday. (2006) 12.45 Christmas Tales: Angels; (R) ITV News Headlines. 1.00 Film: Dead Calm. (1989) 3.20 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 Sell Mill. (R) 6.05 The Teade People. (R) 6.15 Yo Gabba Gabba!. (R) 6.40 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Frasier. (R) 7.55 According to Jim. (R) 8.20 Olive the Other Reindeer. (R) 8.30 T4: Friends. (R) 8.30 T4: Friends. (R) 10.00 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 10.30 T4: Cheryl Cole T4 Special. (R) 10.55 T4: Glee. (R) 11.50 Film: Jingle All the Way. (1996) Comedy, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. 1.20 The Snowman. (R) 1.50 Prep & Landing. (R) 2.20 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) 2.50 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) 3.25 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) 3.55 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.25 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 Deal or No Deal: Scrooge or Santa. 6.00 Film: A Christmas Carol: The Musical. (2004) Dickens musical, starring Kelsey Grammer. 7.40 Channel 4 News. 8.00 One Born at Christmas. 8.00 Peep Show & Tell. 10.05 Peep Show. 10.40 Peep Show. (R) 11.15 Peep Show. (R) 11.50 Chris Moyles' Christmas Quiz Night. (R) 12.40 The Moorbid. 12.55 Film: Hero. (2002) Adventure, starring Jet Li. 2.55 King of the Hill. 3.20 The Week's 4thAudio Top 20. 4.05 ER. (R) 5.00 One Tree Hill.

Channel Five 6.00 Milkshake! 8.40 (R) 10.15 Penguin Adventure with Nigel Marven. (R) 11.05 Zoo Days. (R) 11.15 Zoo Days. (R) 11.25 Five News. 11.35 Film: I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus. (2002) Family comedy, starring Connie Selleca. 1.40 Neighbours. 2.10 Film: Single Santa Seeks Mrs Claus. (2004) Comedy, starring Crystal Bernard. 4.00 Film: Scrooge. (1951) Charles Dickens' fantasy, starring Alastair Sim. 5.25 Neighbours. (R) 6.15 Monkey Life. 6.25 Film: Last Action Hero. (1993) Comedy adventure, with Arnold Schwarzenegger. 8.00 Greatest Christmas TV Moments. Countdown of 50 Christmas TV crackers. 12.05 SuperCasino. 3.55 Poker. (R)

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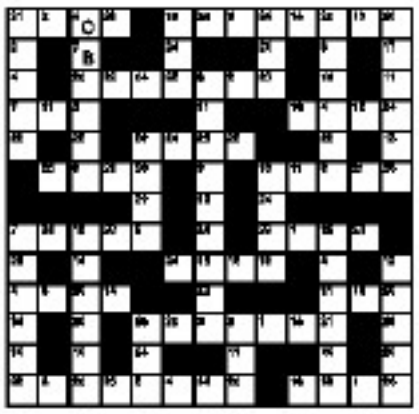
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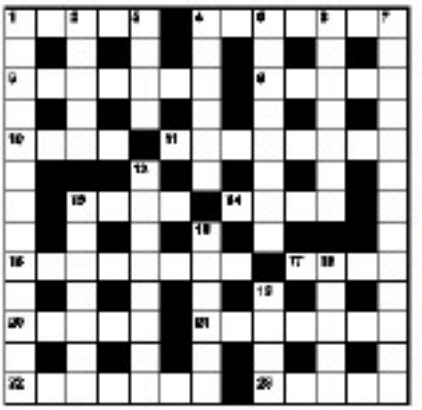
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I	D	F	Y	Q	K	J	L	E	G	M	B	T	
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fill the same grid.



Cryptic Clues

Across

1. Carriage worker (7)
4. Supply vessel as a result (5)
8. Intended to be off-putting (5)
9. Unreasonable in every respect (3)
10. Instrument used in early recordings (8)
11. Holocaust result (4)
12. Hovering in Antonia (4)
14. Ex-Blood Sweat & Tears singer (4)
16. Clinging to natural offering some choice (8)
17. Iconic reliability positive (4)
20. Bric helps to find order once circling (4)
21. Unwanted about to be (7)
22. They supply hot water, in brevity (7)
23. Lost about to return shown property (3)

Down

1. Unplugged in central nation (guess it) (7)
2. Hush! Hungry dog at home (3)
3. Intercourse compare to form (4)
4. Gives a number no precise (4)
5. Mixture all over again, just to make it more (8)
6. Finishes spoke to mimic some space out (7)
7. Ill touching fate, perhaps Y (8,4,4)
12. Stay for an execution (8)
13. Possibly the root may contain (7)
15. Items over is hurdled and achieves (7)
18. Collection piece, thinks odd to us (5)
19. Loading across roads (4)

Quick Clues

Across

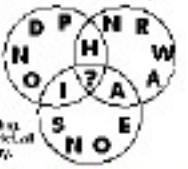
1. Category (5)
4. Height (7)
8. Accordance (7)
9. Lowest rank (4)
10. Community (5)
11. Depression (7)
14. Leisure (4)
16. Grave (4)
18. Uncertain (4)
19. Jostle (5)
20. Snobbery (5)
21. Ingenuity (7)
22. Allegiance (7)
23. Axe (5)

Down

1. Crossing dispute (10)
2. Watchful (5)
3. Untwisted (4)
4. Worn (4)
5. Hydrogen (5)
6. Dividing (7)
7. Inspiration (10)
12. Hindrance (5)
13. Harassment (7)
15. Transparency (5)
16. Variant (5)
17. Haven (4)

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the other letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: HOUSTONE The letter represented by the question mark is A. Circling reptiles, beetle, Lolli, Neon, Pituitary.



Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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	5		9		8			
7						5		9
		4			9		6	5
			4		2			
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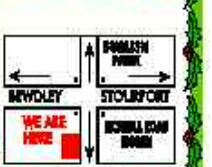
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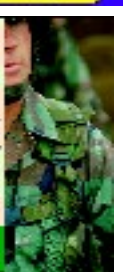
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Saxons dent the chances of title hopefuls

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STOURBRIDGE secured an impressive victory at title hopefuls Cambridge, overhauling a 15-3 deficit to grab the win.

Tries from Tom Jarvis, Tom Richardson and Cameron Brown paved the way, ***writes David Lawrence.***

Ali Bressington kicked 12 points and it was the Saxons winger who opened the scoring with a third-minute penalty only for Ben Spencer to reply.

The remainder of the opening period belonged to Cambridge and a brace of tries took them clear at the break, Jaco du Toit and Spencer scoring either side of a red card for Cambridge flanker Darren Fox who took a swing at a Stourbridge forward.

The Saxons hit back in the second period with Richardson sprinting away before the ball was worked to James Rodley and then Jarvis who dived in, Bressington kicking the conversion.

Spencer and Bressington traded penalties before Cambridge prop Mark George crossed to hand the home side a 10-point lead.

But two tries in five frenetic minutes put Stourbridge in control. Richardson darted between the posts and moments later fly-half Brown crossed wide on the right, Bressington converting.

EARLY EXIT FOR SAD HARRIERS

Wrexham 2 Kidderminster Harriers 0

A WEEK which saw Kidderminster Harriers' money problems highlighted ended with a first round exit from the FA Trophy, their last remaining cup competition.

Last season Harriers reached the Trophy semi-final but there was to be no repeat as Wrexham netted two first-half goals in the space of four minutes to put the tie beyond the visitors at the Racecourse Ground.

Harriers assistant manager Gary Whild said: "Supporters and players want a run in cup competitions – that is what it is all about. But it wasn't to be even though we had our chances to get ourselves back into the game.

"We are disappointed at how we conceded the two goals, but in the second half we had a go; McPike saw his shot cleared off the line by Creighton and Callum (Gittings) should have scored near the end." The venue was only given the go-ahead following a Saturday morning inspection but it quickly became apparent the heavy pitch would play a part in deciding the outcome of the tie.

The home side adapted better to the tricky surface, the pacy Adrian Cieslewicz posing problems for the Harriers backline as he set up early chances for Chris Blackburn and Curtis Obeng.

Harriers responded with right-wing centres from Chris McPhee and Jack Byrne to test a home defence well marshalled by former Harriers favourite Mark Creighton.

On the half-hour mark Harriers fell behind. The visitors attempted a dead ball routine from a right-wing corner with Keith Briggs lurking some 25 yards from goal.

The Harriers captain tried to create space for a shot only to be robbed by Mathias Pogba who picked out Cieslewicz on the halfway line.

Cleared

He in turn slid the ball toward the supporting Jay Harris. Harriers full-back Aaron Griffiths slipped in attempting to intercept and Harris ran forward before drilling the ball low past the advancing Danny Lewis.

Harriers had not recovered when another swift, flowing move four minutes later saw Wrexham double their advantage.

Precise passing and movement through the midfield saw the ball reach Pogba who played in David Brown to race to the edge of the area before striking his effort beyond Lewis and into the bottom right-hand corner.

A minute after the restart Chris Maxwell in the home goal miskicked the ball straight to substitute Mitch McPike but the Harriers player's weak shot was cleared off the line by the recovering Creighton.



James Winsper, Mike Clarke and Matt Winsper celebrate after Clarke's victory in the main bout

Clarke and Co take the spoils

A SELL-OUT crowd watched fighters from across the district take on kickboxing rivals from across the UK.

Members of Winspers Kickboxing Gym claimed the spoils at the Kidderminster versus The Nation event at Kidderminster Town Hall on November 28.

Winspers Kickboxing Gym coach Rachel Green won her bout against Stevenage's Vikki Ransom on points.

Green had been expecting one of her toughest fights to date in the women's lightweight division.

Fan-favourite and Bewdley Town FC player Craig Webb made his debut a winning one against a Redditch opponent in the men's light-heavyweight division.

Webb came out swinging and won on a first round stoppage.

The main event featured Mike 'Morphy' Clarke against Lincoln-based Tom Smart. Clarke took the honours on points.

Dominic Hill, aged 15, beat his opponent from Halesowen on points.

Ryan Gifford, 11, was a points winner against another local fighter in an all-Kidderminster match-up.

Debutant Sian Davis fought in the women's lightweight division and was too fast for her opponent from Redditch, stopping her in the final round.

Debuts

Connor Porter, 15, was a third round stoppage winner as was James Collings, who fought an opponent from Stevenage.

Barry Stone and Josh Hodson both made their debuts at the event in the Men's Middleweight and Youth's Lightweight divisions respectively. Both lost their bouts on points.

Golden day as Samurai's judo players get among the medals



Samurai players Sarah Biles and Tom Walker each took gold at Birmingham

TOP senior judo players from around a hundred clubs took part in the Samurai Masters and Senior High Grades Championships in Birmingham – but the host club still finished second in the medals table with four golds.

Just two Samurai players took part in the masters (veterans) section, both in the lightweight category and after four tough contests each they ended up fighting each other for the bronze medal.

Rob Alloway had a good go, but the evergreen Tony Leroux was just too skilled and experienced and won the contest with a maximum point throw.

It was a day of double celebration for Leroux as two earlier maximum-point wins against other second-level black belts completed the contest requirements for his third level black belt.

The second part of the competition was a senior high grades event. Tom Walker was competing in the second-level black belt section which attracted a big entry. Walker had to win five bouts just to reach the semi-final. His first opponent, from Sussex, was thrown for maximum points while his second, from Bristol, was turned over and held for maximum points on the ground.

Walker produced a rare stranglehold for maximum points in his third bout, against an opponent from the north of England.

Walker was now fully up to speed, throwing a fighter from Plymouth in 11 seconds and one from Bedford in seven.

This gave him a semi-final contest against a very skilled Birmingham player, but Walker needed just half a minute to find a maximum-point throw.

In the final against another Bristol player he recorded an early high score and finally landed a maximum-point throw to take the gold.

Ben Newbury had a good win early on in the men's third-level black belt category, but he had also been busy all day running the event! He ran out of fitness in his next two contests and could not progress further.

Next up were the ladies. Twins Sally and Rachel Moon dominated the women's brown belt section and faced each other in the final, which Sally won by a minor score to take the gold.

Sarah Biles had the toughest category in the women's second-level black belt and above section.

She started with a minor score win against a Plymouth player, then held a third-level black belt from Coventry for maximum points before throwing a very experienced Harlow opponent for maximum points to put herself into the semi-final.

Weight

Here she comfortably defeated a Bristol woman on the ground to reach the final against a London player.

Biles was conceding quite a bit of weight but dominated the match and finally won with a high score early in extra time to land Samurai's third gold.

Biles and the Moon twins both entered the women's open category. Rachel Moon took the bronze while her sister and Biles faced each other in the final.

Unfortunately, Biles sustained a knee injury during the contest, had to withdraw and settled for the silver. It left Sally Moon to take her second gold of the day.

For details about starting judo or information about the Samurai club and its activities, call 0776 1122977 or visit the Samurai website on www.samurai.org.uk

Welcome win but Carolians can do better

Kidderminster C 32
Earlsdon 19

THREE WEEKS of inactivity culminated in a welcome, if not entirely convincing, league win for Kidderminster Carolians against bottom of the table Earlsdon.

The visitors had played the previous week and were the sharper side in the opening stages in which KCs struggled to get their hands on the ball.

But Earlsdon missed an early penalty opportunity and the home side gradually began to work themselves back into the match, ***writes Martin Easton.***

Midway through the half a bullocking run off the back of a scrum by number eight Layton Wilkinson set up a couple of rucks from which KCs moved the ball left and full-back Andy McLellan came into the line to put winger Nick Martin over for the opening score.

KCs were beginning to play with more confidence but were undone when the visitors scored a breakaway try from deep in their own half and the conversion put them 7-5 ahead.

Five minutes later another Wilkinson burst won a penalty in front of the posts which McLellan knocked over for Carolians to retake the lead.

A fine kick to touch by captain John Mounter gave them good field position and after stealing Earlsdon's lineout ball they went through the phases only to be held up over the line.

However, good support play by second row Chris Baldwin saw him cross.

On the stroke of half-time KCs' backs got right into the faces of their opposite numbers and Martin seized on a loose ball to score under the posts. McLellan added the extras and his side went into the break with a comfortable 20-7 lead.

However, the first 20 minutes of the second period were played almost entirely in the Carolians' half.

But they did not concede and eventually gained a foothold in the opposition 22 from which they opted to kick a penalty to touch.

From the lineout Wilkinson powered over for the fourth try to earn the bonus point.

Healthy

Earlsdon responded when their left wing eluded a tackle rather too easily for a touchdown but KCs' man of the match Chris Baldwin then muscled over for a try, converted by McLellan, to establish a healthy 32-12 lead.

Earlsdon had the last word with another converted try and were still battling away to the final whistle.

But Kidderminster secured maximum points for the third time from their five home games.

Back from break with win No 12

Stratford-Upon-Avon 12
Dudley Kingswinford 43

AN ENFORCED three-week break owing to the weather did Dudley Kingswinford no harm as they returned to league action with yet another victory.

Stratford became DK's 12th consecutive victims of a blistering run of victories which kept up their three-point advantage over Sutton Coldfield at the top of the Midlands 1 West division.

DK looked ominous from the start but rustiness saw them lose possession twice early on when close to the home line.

They had two lucky escapes at the other end when Stefan Shillingford's defensive kick was charged down, only for the Stratford prop to lack the pace to reach it, before full-back Mike Plant missed a straightforward penalty attempt.

But Matt Farrington went over in the corner and that set DK on their way.

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